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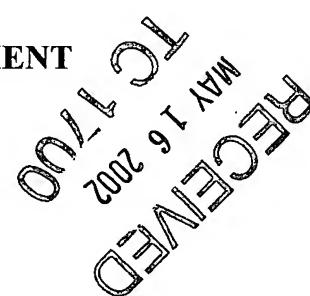
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following information for the Examiner's consideration:

The following documents were cited in Information Disclosure Statements filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.98 (a)-(c) in parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/471,369 filed December 13, 1999, of which the instant application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

- (1) SCHUWERK, "NipcoFlex Shoe Presses for Writings and Printings -- Concepts and Initial Operating Experience," Voith Sulzer Paper Technology, Presented at the PITA Conference "Water Removal 95," York, England (1995).
- (2) German Patent Application No. 196 54 197 published June 25, 1998;
- (3) German Patent Application No. 196 54 198 published June 25, 1998;



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- (4) International Publication No. WO 98/00604 published January 8, 1998;
- (5) German Patent No. 42 24 730 issued September 2, 1993;
- (6) European Patent Application No. 0 852 273 published July 8, 1998;
- (7) European Patent Application No. 0 289 477 published November 2, 1988;
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 4,976,820 issued to LAAPOTTI December 11, 1990;
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 5,092,962 issued to KOSKI March 3, 1992;
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 5,164,047 issued to KOSKI November 17, 1992;
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 6,004,429 issued to SCHIEL December 21, 1999;
- (12) U.S. Patent No. 5,795,440 issued to AMPULSKI et al August 18, 1998;
- (13) International Publication No. WO 97/43483 published November 20, 1997;

The following documents were cited by the Examiner during the examination of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/471,369 of which the instant application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

- (14) U.S. Patent No. 6,083,349 issued to SCHIEL July 2000;
- (15) U.S. Patent No. 4,324,613 issued to WAHREN April 13, 1982; and
- (16) U.S. Patent No. 5,043,046 issued to LAPPOTTI August 27, 1991.

As copies of the above-listed documents were provided in parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/471,369 filed December 23, 1999, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and MPEP 609, no copies are included herewith. However, Applicants have enclosed a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents, and the Examiner

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is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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